

## Mayoral Proclamation

## CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas every child is precious and deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe,

nurturing environment free from the threats, dangers and harmful

effects of child abuse and neglect; and

Thereas child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and

cultural lines, within all religions and at all levels of education; and

Thereas child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and can cause

traumatic psychological, emotional and physical harm which can lead to detrimental behaviors and mental and physical illnesses as children and

into adulthood; and

Thereas child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on

the involvement of people throughout the community; and

Whereas effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of

partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious

organizations, business and law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young

people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community;

and

Whereas all residents should become more aware of child abuse and its

prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their

children in a safe, nurturing environment,

**Pow therefore**, I, Nicholas Isgro, Mayor of Waterville, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Waterville do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2018

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and urge all residents to dedicate themselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all our children.

In Witness Whereof, I do hereby set my hands and seal this 4th day of April,

Two thousand and eighteen.

Nicholas Isgro, Mayor